

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 502

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Eileen Ott upon being named Sumner County Board of Education Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Eileen Ott is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ott has been selected as Sumner County Board of Education Teacher of the Year for the ninth through twelfth grades; this honor is most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award honors and recognizes Ms. Ott for her many valuable contributions to her students, her school, and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ott has served in her current position as Social Studies and Psychology teacher for twelve years and was a counselor for the five years prior for a total of seventeen years with Gallatin High School (GHS); she also serves as department co-chair, is a mentor for new teachers, and conducts workshops for new teachers; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ott obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Western Maryland College, as well as her Master of Education degree in Counselor Education; she has also taught in Pennsylvania and has taught at Volunteer State Community College for one year; and

WHEREAS, an extremely involved educator, Eileen Ott has participated in the TEACH program, taking part in the Summer Institute in 2004 and the Washington, D.C., trip in 2005; she has also co-sponsored the GHS Mock Trial Team for the past five years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a dedicated teacher, Ms. Ott is a vital and active part of her community, participating in such activities as raising funds for cancer awareness and research; and

WHEREAS, Eileen Ott is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ott truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Eileen Ott epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Ms. Eileen Ott upon being named Sumner County Board of Education Teacher of the Year for the ninth through twelfth grades, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.